*33* STUDY OF MARK 2020

Love the Lord Your God

Mark 12:28-33

“Love the your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” (30)

1. What did one of the teachers of the law ask Jesus? (28) Before stating what the most important commandment is, what did Jesus say? (29) What does the phrase, "the Lord our God, the Lord is one" tell us about God? (See Ge 1:1[[1]](#footnote-1)) Why is it important to know that there is only one true God?
2. What is the most important commandment God gave us? (30) Why should we love God? (Ex 20:2[[2]](#footnote-2); 1 Jn 4:10[[3]](#footnote-3)) To what extent should we love God? What idols today prevents us from loving God in this complete and absolute way? (Ex 20:3-5a[[4]](#footnote-4))
3. What is the second great commandment? (31) How is it related to the first? (1Jn 4:19b-21[[5]](#footnote-5)) How did God demonstrate the meaning of real love (Ro 5:8[[6]](#footnote-6))? In context of verse 31, how can you demonstrate your love for God in the same way?
4. How did this young teacher respond to Jesus' answer? (32-34) Burnt offerings and sacrifices represent practicing religion. What is the fundamental difference between loving God and practicing religion?

1. **Gen 1:1** - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. **Exodus 20:2** “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. **1 John 4:10** - This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. **Exodus 20:3-5a** - You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. **1 John 4:19-21** - We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. 2And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. **Rom 5:8** - But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us [↑](#footnote-ref-6)